

The Office will accept claim listings that include the alternative status identifiers set forth in the following table if the amendment otherwise complies with 37 CFR 1.121.



Table of status identifiers set forth in 37 CFR 1.121(c) and acceptable alternatives

Status Identifiers Set Forth in 37 CFR 1.121(c)	Acceptable Alternatives
1. Original	Original Claim; and Originally Filed Claim
2. Currently amended	Presently amended; and Currently amended claim
3. Canceled	Canceled without prejudice; Cancel; Cancelled; Canceled herein; Previously cancelled; Canceled claim; and Deleted
4. Withdrawn	Withdrawn from consideration; Withdrawn - new; Withdrawn claim; and Withdrawn-currently amended (see note below)
5. Previously presented	Previously amended; Previously added; Previously submitted; and Previously presented claim
6. New	Newly added; and New claim
7. Not entered	Not entered claim

Note: 37 CFR 1.121(c) sets forth that "Withdrawn - currently amended" is an acceptable variation of the status identifier "Withdrawn" for a withdrawn claim that is currently amended.

Additionally, the Office may also accept other variations of the status identifiers provided in 37 CFR 1.121(c) when the examiner determines that the status identifier used by applicant clearly and accurately designates the status of the claim.

Applicants should make every effort to comply with all of the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, such as the use of the status identifiers provided in 37 CFR 1.121(c) in a complete claim listing, to reduce processing delays. The Office may continue to refuse to accept an amendment that does not otherwise comply with 37 CFR 1.121 or includes a status identifier which, in the opinion of the examiner, fails to clearly and accurately designate the status of a claim.

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